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## Purple Jackets Call Sixteen At Homecoming Investiture



THE PURPLE JACKETS called sixteen girls at the Homecoming and investiture exercises on February 27. Seated, left to right, are Miss Ruth Tatum, new sponsor, Barbara Evans, Norma Faye Johnson, Blanchie Lewis, Joan Evans, Nancy King, Sudie Loomis, Betty Wilson, Bettie Carter, Dee Thompson, Sue Dowden, Frances Griffin, and Cindy Hodge. Called but not present in the picture were Jane Bush, June Gleason, Virgie McGuffee, and Lois Jean Tarter.

Pictured in the back row are Miss Catherine Winters, sponsor of the Purple Jackets for many years, and the present members of the Purple Jackets.

The investiture services were presided over by President H. Lee Prather, left insert.

Miss Eddy Gene Elliott, third in the back row from the left, was awarded the V. L. Roy Award, presented each year to the outstanding Purple Jacket.

The Purple Jackets were established by President Emeritus V. L. Roy, pictured in the insert at the right, in 1927. Those selected by the Purple Jackets must have good scholarship and high character, and evidence a desire to help in all phases of college life and activities.

### NSC Wins 2nd Place In La. Speech Tourney

Competing against 15 colleges and universities from Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana, Northwestern scored 100 points to take second place. Baylor University, with 108 points took first place.

Behind NSC was Louisiana Polytechnic Institute with 85 points, Southern Methodist University, 70 points, Louisiana College, 69 points, and Southwestern Louisiana Institute, with 56 points.

Ann Torrans placed first in Senior Women individual debater rating, and second in Extemporaneous Speaking for Women. Mazie Dranguet, Don Lyons, and Norman Fletcher took first places in Radio Speaking (Men), Radio Speaking (Women), and Poetry Reading (Men), respectively. Merrill Smith placed third in After-Dinner Speaking.

In the Senior Women's Debate, Pat Payne and Ann Torrans placed second. In the Junior Women's Debate, Mazie Dranguet and Merrill Smith won second.

The Northwestern Debaters are coached by Donald Graham.

### ALUMNI Here 'n There

#### LSU BACKFIELD COACH

Carl Maddox, A. B. '31, who for the past three years has been coach at Greenville, Miss., was recently named backfield coach for the Louisiana State University Tigers at Baton Rouge.

After compiling an enviable record as a high school coach, Maddox was named by Head Coach Tinsley and the Athletic Council as backfield coach, effective at the beginning of spring practice this year. He has a record of 63 wins, 14 losses, and two ties in Mississippi's Big Eight Conference.

Coach Tinsley said in the announcement that LSU "is fortunate in securing the services of a very fine man as well as a very capable football coach. I have every confidence that Carl will prove to be a major asset to our staff and few men are more popular."

Maddox is married and the father of three boys. He received

his Master's Degree at Louisiana State University.

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#### WITH WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Mrs. J. F. Kincaid, A.B. '53, of 5967 Byron Street, Baton Rouge, has recently accepted a position with the East Baton Rouge Parish Department of Welfare. Mrs. Kincaid is the former Annette Dailey of Fort Necessity.

Mrs. Kincaid served as library assistant in the East Baton Rouge Parish Library prior to her affiliation with the Welfare Department.

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#### COMING HOME

A recent letter from 1st Lieutenant Donald M. Williford, Hq. I Corps. Ord. Sec., stationed in Korea, made the following announcement:

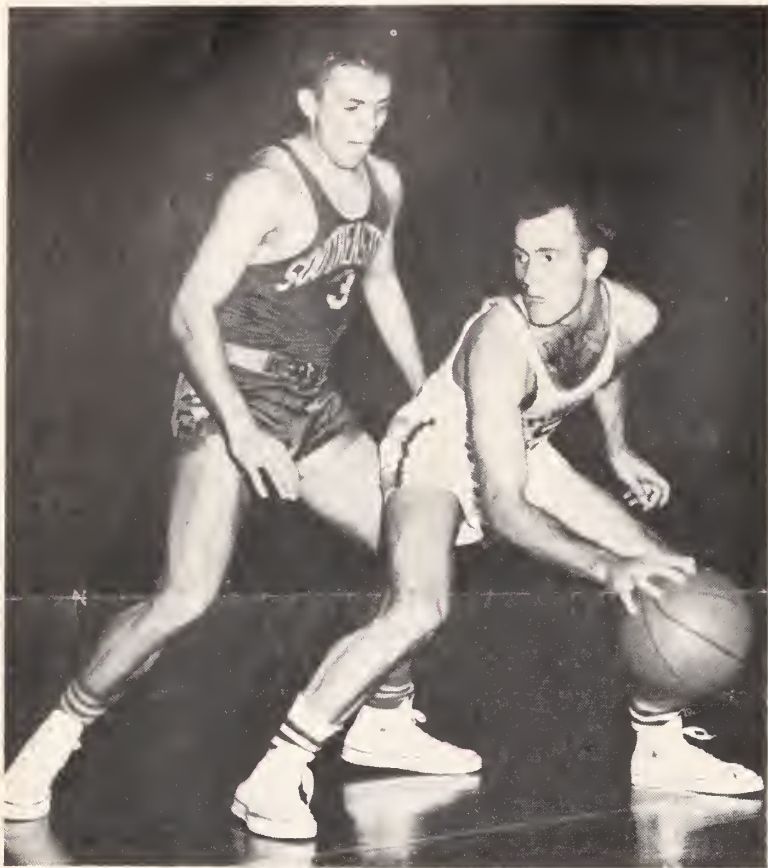
"It is with pleasure that I request my address be changed from 1st Lieutenant to MR. Donald M. Williford, 3102½ Midway Street, Shreveport, Louisiana. I'M COMING HOME."

Donald received his B. S. degree in 1951. Shortly thereafter he entered the U. S. Armed Services, was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant, and was stationed at Anniston (Continued on Page 4)

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**"I WISH I COULD GET THAT BALL"**

**CAN'T HAVE IT**—says Bill Collinsworth as he puts on a "control" act during the closing moments of the Lions-Demon championship game. The Demons won 70-62.

**Collinsworth All-GSC Guard on Two Polls**

In this day of tall, rangy basketball players, it is rather difficult for a short man to receive much attention unless he is exceptionally good; and he has to be outstanding in both offensive and defensive ability.

Bill Collinsworth, Northwestern State College's five foot, nine inch, 160 lb. guard, evidently impressed not only Gulf States Conference opposing coaches, but sportswriters also, since he was selected on the All-GSC team as guard on both polls.

In addition to Collinsworth, the GSC coaches' selection placed three men from Southeastern and one from McNeese on the first team. From Southeastern the men chosen are Jerry Askeroth, six foot, six inch forward; Dennis Wagner, six foot, seven inch center, and Richard Sharp, five foot 11 inch guard. Roy Moore, six foot three inch forward of McNeese was selected as forward.

**SHAW, THOMAS, AND BROWN ON 2ND AND 3RD.**

Picked by the GSC coaches for the second team were Eddie McCauley, S. L. L. forward, with L. V. Norris, L. P. L. occupying the other forward position. At center, Ken Shaw of N. S. C. was

chosen. Shaw was chosen All-GSC center for the first team last year. Rounding out the second team at the guard positions are Mel Gibson, NE. L. C., and Tom Boyd, La. C.

James Thomas and Dick Brown of N. S. C. were selected on the third team. George McConathy received honorable mention.

**COLLINSWORTH MOST VALUABLE PLAYER IN GSC**

According to Truman Stacey of Lake Charles American Press, in a story written for the Louisiana Sports Writers Association, Bill Collinsworth was selected by them as the conference's most valuable player. Speaking of the three "mid-gets" selected for the Sportswriters All-Conference team, Stacey stated: "Smallest of the lot was probably the most potent. He is Bill Collinsworth, junior guard from Bryceland, La., who led Northwestern State's Demons to a share of the conference title.

"Collinsworth stands only 5-foot-9, but he proved himself to be the most dangerous man in the Northwestern lineup on more than one occasion, and he impressed the scribes so much they selected him as the conference's most valuable cager for the 1953-54 season."

**DEMONS WIN SHARE OF GSC CROWN****DEFEAT SLC LIONS 70-62**

Playing their last conference game on the home court before a packed house, as the Standing Room Only sign had been replaced by the No More Admissions sign, the Demons were up against a "Do or Die" situation in which they had to win or relinquish all hopes of a co-championship in the Gulf States Conference.

In the first quarter the Lions grabbed an early lead and gave all indications of walking away with the game. The Demons finally began to find the elusive basket and pulled up to a 19-13 deficit at the end of the quarter. During the second quarter, the Demons outscored the Lions but were unable to get ahead, the score at the half reading 32-31, with the Lions out in front.

Senior guard Tynes Hildebrand sank three field goals that knotted the score at 49-49 at the end of the third quarter.

With five minutes gone in the last quarter, the Demons pulled away from the Lions and started a "control" situation that the Lions were unable to handle, and

the Demons won, going away, a 70-62.

**Score by quarters:**

NSC ..13 18 18 21—70

SLC ..19 13 17 13—62

Tynes Hildebrand was high point man for the Demons with 14 points. He was followed by Bill Collinsworth with 12, and Ken Shaw and Jim Thomas made 11 each. Lion center Dennis Wagner took scoring honors with 21 points and guard Dick Sharp was second with 14.

The win gave the Demons a tie for first-place standing in the Gulf States Conference, sharing the crown with Southeastern. Both teams ended the season with identical conference records of 11 wins and one defeat.

**DEMONS HAVE GOOD SEASON**

At the close of the regular season, the Demons had won 22 of 29 games played. The total point scored by the Demons was 2218 as compared to 1962 for their opponents. In the twelve conference games they racked up a total of 927 points for a game average of 77.25, while the opposition scored 789 points for an average of 65.75.

**POINT MAKERS FOR GYMNASTS**

Al Kopp, top, and Tommy Ragland, Bill Normand, and John Hicks, reading from left to right, are the gymnasts largely responsible for the Demons taking the Gulf AAU championship at Texas A. & M.



## Football Captains For 1954

Three Demons have been selected as captains of the football team for 1954. All three will be seniors next fall and have been outstanding players on the Demon squad.

Dudley Downing, center, from Baker; Bob Tatum, guard, from Waterproof, and Alan Langridge, guard, from Byrd High School, Shreveport, have been elected by their team mates to captain the Demons in their defense of a portion of the GSC football championship next season.

Downing, a co-captain of the 1953 team, was named as second team All-GSC center in 1953, and will be out working hard for a place on the GSC first team this year.

Tatum has demonstrated his ability at the guard position by making All-GSC guard for the last three years.

Langridge, the other starting guard for 1953, has proved himself to be one of the outstanding players on the Demon squad during his football career.

### NINE GAMES SCHEDULED

These three co-captains will guide the Demons through a nine-game schedule this fall. The schedule, as announced in CURRENT AUCE, consists of four home games and five games away.

Opening the season with Central Oklahoma State in Natchitoches on September 18, the Demons travel to Beaumont, Texas, to meet Lamar Tech on the 25th. The Demons next meet McNeese on the local gridiron on October 2, and on October 9 they play the Louisiana College Wildcats in Alexandria.

Southeastern Oklahoma State, a newcomer on the football schedule, will be in Natchitoches on October 6. Following this game the Demons play away from home for two successive week-ends. Louisiana Tech will be played at the state Fair in Shreveport on October 23, and Northeast will furnish the opposition in Monroe on November 6.

The last home game will be against Southwestern on November 13, Homecoming, and the season finale will be in Hammond against the Southeastern Lions.

Last season the Demons had a conference record of 5 wins and 2 losses, to share the conference crown with Southeastern and Louisiana Tech. The season record was 6 wins and 2 losses.

## COACH PISCOPO BUILDS GYMNASTIC POWERHOUSE

By JERRY BYRD

One coach who never asks his proteges to do anything he isn't willing to attempt himself is 31-year-old John Piscopo, Northwestern State College gymnastic instructor.

As coach of the only college gym in the state, the Maine mentor has led the Northwestern gymnasts to the Southern Amateur Athletic Union senior championship for four straight years. Although he does not enter the AAU competitive meets, Piscopo does more than his share in the fall exhibition tours of the NSC muscle men.

At the annual Home Show last December the coach performed with his squadmen in the hand-balancing quintet, parallel bars, still rings, and pyramid routines. His performance was termed one of the outstanding attractions of the show.

With that kind of schedule the coach must stay in good condition as well as the members of the team.

Piscopo attended Gortham State Teachers' College of Maine, University of Maine, and Springfield (Mass.) College, receiving his B.S. and M. Ed. degrees. After serving as a graduate assistant gym teacher at Springfield, he became a gymnastics instructor in the Army and Air Force.

Married in 1945 to Carolyn Casale, he now has three daughters:

Carol Jean, Nancy Diane, and Annette Marie. His short muscular figure is familiar around the Northwestern campus, where he teaches physical education and coaches the swimming team in addition to his gymnastic activities.

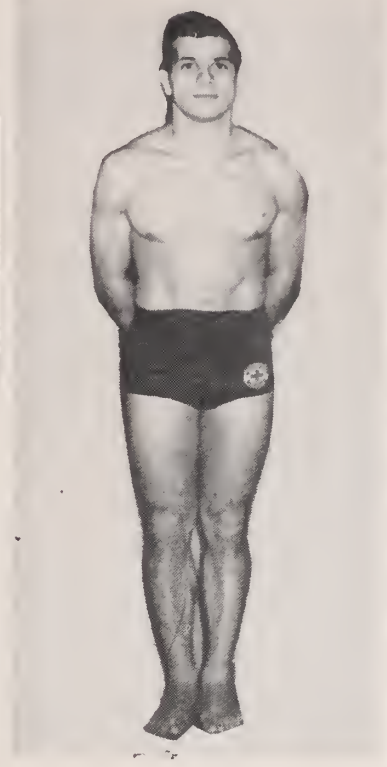
Piscopo's record would cause any coach in the nation to burn with envy. His gymnasts have been the best in southern AAU circles for four years, and his swimmers held that distinction two of those years. Last year's swimming crew defeated or tied every team in the Southwest Conference.

The occupational disease of coaches, ulcers, is not likely to affect the man from Maine. Northwestern athletes have learned that under Piscopo, winning is not as important as improvement and self-development.

Proof of this philosophy is his reluctance to use the superlative "best" when speaking of one of his gymnasts or swimmers. When it is possible he will substitute a phrase such as "most improved," "hardest working" or "fastest."

He named Shelby Brooks, a mainstay of last year's gym squad, as the most outstanding gymnast he has ever worked with. A victim of infantile paralysis, Brooks made steady progress after enrolling at Northwestern until he emerged last season as one of the outstanding gymnasts in the South.

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## Win Gulf AAU Crown

Winners of the Southern AAU championship for the past four years the Demon Gymnasts invaded the Gulf AAU meet at Texas A. & M. and scored 86½ points to take the championship on Feb. 13.

Demon gymnast Al Kopp of New Orleans led his team by winning four events for 36 points. Bill Normand, freshman from Alexandria, had 20 points.

In winning the title, the Demons won in short horse, parallel bar, tumbling, long horse, horizontal bar, rope climb, all-round finals.

In the junior division, Northwestern State came in second by winning four of ten events. Bill Normand was high-point man for NSC, scoring 27½ points while winning the free calisthenics, tumbling, and horizontal bar contest.

### Summary of Events (Senior Division)

Free calisthenics — Miller, Texas University, first; Normand, NSC, second; and Kopp, NSC, third.

Side horse — Kopp, NSC, first; Schoenberg, Texas A. & M., second; and Wetmore, Baton Rouge "Y", third.

Parallel bar — Kopp, NSC, first; Miller, Texas University, second; and Soukup, Texas University, third.

All-around finals — Kopp, NSC, first; Thomas, Houston "Y", second; and Wetmore, Baton Rouge "Y", third.

Tumbling — Hicks, NSC, first; Dickson, Texas University, second; Normand, NSC, third.

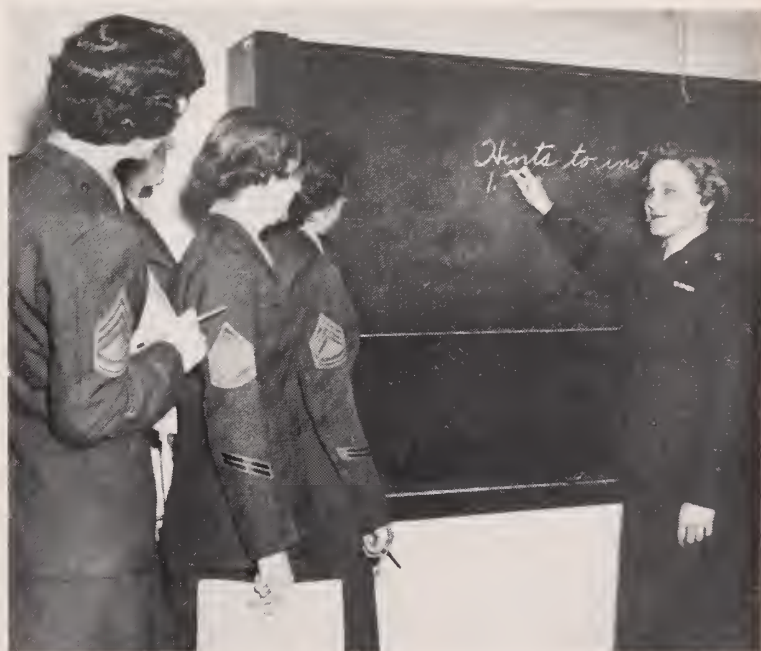
Long horse — Normand, NSC, first; Milam, Texas University, second; and Brown, Texas University, third.

Horizontal bar — Kopp, NSC, first; Thomas, Houston "Y", second; and Normand, NSC, third.

Still rings — Miller, Texas University, first; Johnson, Dallas Athletic Club, second; and Kopp, NSC, third.

Rope climb — Ragland, NSC, first; Finer, Texas University, second; and Kramer, Baton Rouge "Y", third.

## CAPTAIN ELAINE CARVILLE AT WORK



Woman Marine Captain Elaine T. Carville, B.S. '42, of Plaquemine, is Officer in Charge of the Women Marine Leadership School at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. She is pictured above instructing a group of students in the merits of leadership.

Captain Carville entered the service after graduation and was commissioned in the Marine Corps in 1943.

As a student she was very active in campus affairs and refereed basketball games (girls) at all rallies on the campus.



DAVID CARLEY, JR.



David Ross Carley, Jr., is the 6-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. David R. Carley, Sr., B.S. '52, of 3751 Government Street, Baton Rouge. The mother is the former Geraldine Zabasky, B.S. '52, of Lena.

After graduation, Carley attended graduate school at Louisiana State University for one year. He is presently employed as a chemist at the Ethyl Corporation in Baton Rouge.

The Carleys visited the campus recently to see a basketball game and visit the quarters of Physics and Chemistry in the new Science Building.

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Ordnance Depot, Anniston, Alabama, before going overseas to Korea.

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IN CAP ROCK COUNTRY

Mrs. C. V. Fleming, Jr., (Anita Zeagler, B. S. '49) writes that she and her husband are living at 202 W. Cardwell, Brownfield, Texas, 40 miles southwest of Lubbock. She stated: "As for myself, my husband and I have discovered that West Texas is somewhat different from Louisiana. We've been out this way for about a year and one-half now and like it very well. The sand out here, when it nearly buries us alive, makes us want to go back to Louisiana sometimes. In keeping good faith with my diploma, I have been teaching piano privately here in Brownfield."

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MOVES AROUND

A note from Mrs. James F. Overton, Jr., states that she has recently moved from Houston, Texas, to her present address, 34 Willett Avenue, Hicksville, Long Island, New York.

Mrs. Overton is the former Fairy Schertz, B. S. '49, of Keatchie. She and her husband were married

on December 23, 1950. They have one child, Jeffrey Stuart, who will be one year old on April 13.

Mr. Overton is a gas technologist with the Shell Oil Company. He has his B. S. Degree from Rice, 1948, and M. S. Degree from Texas University, 1950.

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AT NAVAL ORDNANCE LAB.

"Please send our ALUMNI COLUMNS to D. W. Feldman, Route 2, Silver Spring, Maryland," writes Mrs. Feldman. David is working at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory, White Oak, Maryland. He received his B. S. in Physics in 1949. Mrs. Feldman, the former Marion Campbell, B. S. in Journalism, '49, of New Orleans, states that she is "... currently busily employed taking care of our two children, Patty Lee, 2, and Alan, 8 months. We hear from several college friends occasionally but would like to contact as many as possible."

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FROM HONOLULU TO LANIKAI

Mrs. Sam A. Brown, the former Helen Dawn Johniken, A. B. '45, of Pelican, writes that she is now residing at 1305 Aalapapa Drive, Lanikai, Oahu, T. H. She stated: "We've moved to what most islanders call the Windward Side of Oahu and have a clear unobstructed view of the ocean and the tops of the palm groves around the beach homes, and we are perched up on a hillside. This place is very pretty and more tropical looking to me than Honolulu . . ." She said that through the Columns she has been able to correspond with friends she had lost contact with during the last few years.

BARBARA LOUISE STOUTAMIRE



Barbara Louise Stoutamire, the lovely little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude L. Stoutamire, B.S. '50, 1023 Merritt, Tallahassee, Florida, is pictured above, being held by her grandmother, Mrs. A. J. Richter, 165 Cypress, Natchitoches. Barbara Louise was three months old at the time the picture was made. She was born August 7, 1953.

The mother is the former Barbara Richter, B.S. '47, of Natchitoches. The father, "Jodie" Stoutamire, was an outstanding basketball player, All-GSC forward, and is presently coaching in Tallahassee.

FOUR SISTERS FOUND

They weren't really lost, except for our mailing list, but just recently we obtained the addresses of the four Smith sisters of Merryville through Mrs. F. F. Lawton. She obtained them while on a visit to Beaumont, Texas.

The sisters and the dates they attended Northwestern State are: Tenie Smith, 1922, now Mrs. D. W. Davis, 3398 McFaddin, Beaumont; Jewell Smith, 1925, is Mrs. C. W. Frazier, 2120 Broadway, Beaumont; Evelyn Smith, 1929, is now Mrs. M. L. West, 5213 Evergreen St., Bellaire, Texas; and Jennie Beth Smith, 1930, is now Mrs. E. R. Wright, 408 Goodhue Bldg., Beaumont, Texas.

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PROUD PARENTS

Dr. and Mrs. William M. Rigdon, Southeastern Louisiana College, Hammond, are the proud parents of a daughter, Marion Elizabeth, born on October 21. They have one other child, a son, Larry William, 2½ years old. Dr. Rigdon received his A. B. Degree at Northwestern in 1940 and Mrs. Rigdon, the former Beatrice Hemphill of Wisner, received her A. B. Degree in 1941.

Dr. Rigdon is Director of Teacher Training at Southeastern Louisiana College.

PISCOPO—

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Piscopo has become a tradition at Northwestern State, even though the students realize that some day the NSC gymnastic team and the New York Yankees will have to lose.

CADET EDWARDS



Naval Aviation Cadet William F. Edwards, former student from Many, recently graduated from the U. S. Naval School, Pre-Flight, at Pensacola, Florida.

He is now assigned to the U. S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Whiting Field, Milton, Florida, where he is engaged in primary flight training.

Edwards, better known as "Peddler," was majoring in Health and Physical Education. He entered the service at the end of his sophomore year, spring '53.

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